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For Meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, Staff Sergeant Harold E. Milliman, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Milliman of West Liberty, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal. The citation accompanying the award reads in part:

"Harold E. Milliman, Coast Artillery Corps, Thirty-four Antiaircraft Artillery operations detachment, is awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service from March, 1944, to May, 1945, in Italy, France and Germany. As an early warning plotter, Thirty-four Antiaircraft Artillery operations detachment, he performed the regular duties of a plotter and spent a great deal of additional time in instructing personnel on new equipment and in changing methods.

Helped Design Mobile Unit

"Due to the necessity of having a highly mobile unit, Sergeant Milliman assisted in the design and construction of a new type operations room. Previous installments necessitated a large room, but he consolidated it to allow full operations in one two and a half ton truck. There were no plans or model to follow, but the result of his untiring effort was a fine tribute to his ingenuity and resourcefulness. Further, this mobile operation room was greatly instrumental in contributing to the efficiency, high morale, and successful operation of the detachment.

"He has participated in the Sicilian, Italian, French and German campaigns, since entering the Army in September, 1942."

Rescued Children

An interesting story involving a cousin of Sergeant Milliman comes from the Twenty-fourth Infantry headquarters on Mindanao, P. I., in which a five days old baby and a 3 year old Filipino child were rescued in a shack from front-line gun fire by a patrol led by Private First Class Clifford G. Milliman, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Milliman of Newton, Kansas.

Fed Infant with Eye Dropper

The children were found alive by the side of their dead mothers, by line troops and word was radioed back to the command post. Milliman led his patrol to the front, located the new born baby without clothes, weakly kicking and cooing, only half alive, and the older child crouched in a corner of the grass shack, staring with big black eyes. He took the children to a nearby aid station fed them with an eye dropper, then turned them over to authorities in a civilian hospital, where doctors declared his prompt action has saved their lives and they were doing fine.